

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Greene,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Commissioner of Social Security

Defendant.
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ORDER

7:25-CV-00172 (CS)

By Order dated **January 16, 2025**, the Court referred this case to Magistrate Judge Victoria Reznik for a Report and Recommendation.

To conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. Section 636 (c), to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge.

If both parties consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge, counsel for the defendant must, by no later than, **February 14, 2025**, file a letter with the Court, with an attached fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, the blank form for which is attached to this Order (and also available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms/consent-proceed-us-magistrate-judge>). If the Court approves that form, all further proceedings will then be conducted before the assigned Magistrate Judge rather than before me. An information sheet on proceedings before magistrate judges is also attached to this Order. Any appeal would be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge, defendant's counsel shall file a letter by no later than **February 14, 2025** advising the Court that the parties do not consent, but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent. **The parties are free to withhold consent without negative consequences.**

The parties are advised that proceedings in this case will be governed by the federal Supplemental Rules for Social Security Actions and the Court's Standing Order dated November 18, 2022 (In re: Briefing of Social Security Cases).

Plaintiff may wish to contact the New York County Lawyers Association about possible pro bono counsel, as set forth in the attachment.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 16, 2025

White Plains, New York



CATHY SEIBEL, U.S.D.J.

New York
County Lawyers
Association
Social Security
SDNY Project
Pro Bono Programs

To all individuals who have Social Security or Supplemental Security Income cases:

The New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) has provided free legal assistance to thousands of people who cannot afford lawyers. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you may qualify for free legal representation in your appeal in the Southern District of New York.

If you would like to consult with a lawyer, please call Carolyn A. Kubitschek at (212) 349-0900. We cannot guarantee that everyone who calls will get a lawyer, but we are committed to providing as many individuals as possible with free legal representation in their federal appeals.

Sincerely,



Anthe Maria Bova

General Counsel & Director of Pro Bono Programs

A todas las personas que tienen casos de Seguro Social o Seguridad de Ingreso Suplementario:

El *New York County Lawyers Association* (NYCLA) ha brindado asistencia legal gratuita a miles de personas que no pueden pagar un abogado. Si no puede pagar un abogado, puede calificar para representación legal gratuita en su apelación en el tribunal del 'Southern District of New York.'

Si desea consultar con un abogado, por favor llame a Carolyn A. Kubitschek al (212) 349-0900. No podemos garantizar que todos los que llamen obtengan un abogado, pero estamos comprometidos a brindar representación legal gratuita al mayor número posible de personas en sus apelaciones federales.

Atentamente,



Anthe Maria Bova

Asesora General y Directora de Programas Pro Bono



**United States District Court
Southern District of New York**

**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES:
REFERRALS AND CONSENTS**

All cases in the Southern District of New York are assigned to two judges: a district judge and a magistrate judge. District judges are appointed for life terms by the President. Magistrate judges are selected by a majority vote of the district judges in the particular district and serve terms of eight years.

Referrals to the Magistrate Judge. The district judge assigned to your case may refer the case to a magistrate judge for specific purposes. Commonly, the referral will be for the magistrate judge to conduct the proceedings that occur before trial, such as resolving discovery disputes or presiding over settlement conferences. A referral may also be made for the magistrate judge to issue to the district judge a report and recommendation on how to resolve a motion, such as a motion to dismiss or a motion for summary judgment. The consent of the parties is not needed for the district judge to refer the case to the magistrate judge for these purposes. If the district judge has made such a referral, you can ask the district judge to review any magistrate judge's decision by filing an objection with the district judge within fourteen days of that decision. The district judge will rule on any timely objections that you file. If you do not file an objection, you will give up your right to challenge the magistrate judge's decision at a later time, including on appeal. *See* Rule 72 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Consent to Proceed Before the Magistrate Judge. If you would like your case to move more quickly, it is helpful to consent to proceed before the magistrate judge for all purposes, including any trial. If you consent, the magistrate judge will perform the identical function that the district judge would have performed. Any trial in your case would be either a jury or a nonjury trial, depending upon whether there is a right to a jury trial and a proper request for such a trial. The only difference is that the magistrate judge – and not the district judge – would preside over that trial. Cases that proceed for all purposes before a magistrate judge generally move more quickly than cases before a district judge. If you consent to proceed before the magistrate judge, the district judge plays no further role in the case. Any appeal is taken directly to the Court of Appeals. It is your choice whether or not to consent to proceed before the magistrate judge, and all parties must consent or the case will not proceed before the magistrate judge.

A copy of the appropriate consent form is attached. Additional forms are also available from the Pro Se Office and on the Court's website.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

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Plaintiff

v.

Defendant)
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Civil Action No.

NOTICE, CONSENT, AND REFERENCE OF A CIVIL ACTION TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Notice of a magistrate judge's availability. A United States magistrate judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action (including a jury or nonjury trial) and to order the entry of a final judgment. The judgment may then be appealed directly to the United States court of appeals like any other judgment of this court. A magistrate judge may exercise this authority only if all parties voluntarily consent.

You may consent to have your case referred to a magistrate judge, or you may withhold your consent without adverse substantive consequences. The name of any party withholding consent will not be revealed to any judge who may otherwise be involved with your case.

Consent to a magistrate judge's authority. The following parties consent to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all proceedings in this case including trial, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial proceedings.

*Printed names of parties and attorneys**Signatures of parties or attorneys**Dates*

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Reference Order

IT IS ORDERED: This case is referred to a United States magistrate judge to conduct all proceedings and order the entry of a final judgment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73.

Date: _____

*District Judge's signature*_____
Printed name and title

Note: Return this form to the clerk of court only if you are consenting to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States magistrate judge. Do not return this form to a judge.